

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-13 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Claims 14-32 are currently pending. Claims 25 and 26 are amended herein.

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to depend from numbered claim 14. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("Supplemental IDS") for Examiner's consideration and to be entered into the record of the references cited in the instant application.

Applicants draw Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement ("Referenced IDS") filed on 27 April 2004 and included in the Office Action mailed on 10 March 2006, attached hereto for the convenience of Examiner. Applicants note that the Corbett reference, listed as reference "AA" under the "Other Disclosure" section of the PTO Form-1449 of the Referenced IDS, has not been initialled by Examiner. Applicants submit the Corbett reference for a second time in the Supplemental IDS, and respectfully request Examiner to consider this reference and to provide her initials on the PTO Form-1449 in the Supplemental IDS.

Notice of Allowability mailed 9 March 2007

Applicants draw Examiner's attention to the Notice of Allowability that was included in the Notice of Allowance and Fee Due mailed 9 March 2007. Applicants note that the Notice did not include Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicants respectfully request Examiner to provide such Examiner's Statement for the record and to afford Applicants the opportunity, but not the obligation, to respond thereto. Specifically, Applicants request Examiner to state whether the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, filed by Applicants in the response of 12 January 2007, overcomes Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 of the prior Office Action, dated 14 November 2006.

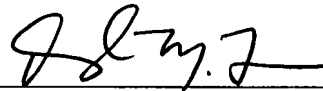
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It is respectfully submitted that claims, as amended, are allowable over the references cited in the Supplemental IDS and in view of the remarks provided in this Submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Entry of this Submission and early allowance of the claims, as amended, are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 25, 2004

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Not Yet Assigned**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
SA	AA	4,632,869	12/30/1986	Park et al.			
	AB	4,692,379	09/08/1987	Keung et al.			
	AC	4,769,418	09/06/1988	Mizuno et al.			
	AD	4,916,025	04/10/1990	Pang-Chia Lu			
	AE	4,978,436	12/18/1990	Kelly			
	AF	5,169,900	12/08/1992	Gudelis			
	AG	5,223,346	06/29/1993	Pang-Chia Lu			
	AH	5,302,442	04/12/1994	O'Brien et al.			
	AI	5,443,915	08/22/1995	Wilkie et al.			
	AJ	5,466,734	11/14/1995	Catena et al.			
	AK	5,482,780	01/09/1996	Wilkie et al.			
	AL	5,489,473	02/06/1996	Wilkie			
	AM	5,500,283	03/19/1996	Kirk et al.			
	AN	5,527,608	06/18/1996	Kemp-Patchett et al.			
	AO	5,616,400	04/01/1997	Zhang			
	AP	5,667,902	09/16/1997	Brew et al.			
	AQ	5,691,043	11/25/1997	Keller et al.			
	AR	5,792,549	08/11/1998	Wilkie			
	AS	5,798,174	08/25/1998	Wilkie			
	AT	5,851,640	12/22/1998	Schuhmann et al.			
	AU	6,074,762	06/13/2000	Cretekos et al.			
	AV	6,455,150	09/24/2002	Sheppard et al.			
	AW	6,472,077	10/29/2002	Cretekos et al.			
SA	AX	6,495,266	12/17/2002	Migliorini			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBL. DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
SA	AA	JP 04 212848 A	1992-11-27	Japan (Abstract)				
	AB	JP 02 060745 A	1990-05-16	Japan (Abstract)				
SA	AC	JP 03 205440 A	1991-12-03	Japan (Abstract)				

OTHER DISCLOSURES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages of Publication, Etc.)

AA	Corbett, L.W. & R. Urban, Asphalt and Bitumen, Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemical, W. Gerhartz Deerfield Beach Florida, USA, Velt Publ., Vol. A.3, pp. 169-188, (1985).
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY	DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/809,259	03/25/2004	Karen A. Sheppard		10136A	6912

TITLE OF INVENTION: LAMINATION GRADE COEXTRUDED HEAT-SEALABLE FILM

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$300	\$0	\$1700	06/11/2007

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/12/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-32(now renumbered 1-19).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 320 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 320 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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